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SUBJECT: GUYANA'S PRESS GIVES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO DEATH OF
CHOU-EN-LAI

1. GUYANA'S PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE DEATH OF
CHINA'S PREMIER OF STATE COUNCIL, CHOU-EN-LAI.
SINCE JANUARY 9, THE GOVT-OWNED NEWSPAPER, GUYANA CHRONICLE,
HAS PRINTED ARTICLES COVERING THE ENTIRE FRONT AND CENTER PAGES
OF SOME ISSUES ALONG WITH SOME EDITORIALS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOU
EN-LAI. ONE EDITORIAL ON JAN 10 WENT SO FAR AS TO COMPARE CHOU TO
MOSES FOR BEING THE QUOTE SUPREME TACTICIAN OF A REVOLUTION WHICH
TRANSFORMED THE LIVES OF 750 MILLION PEOPLE UNQUOTE, JUST AS MOSES
LED HIS PEOPLE OUT OF BONDAGE.

2. NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE APPEARED IN THE CHRONICLE SHOWING
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL PRC EMBASSY MOURNING, GOG
OFFICIALS SIGNING THE PRC EMBASSY CONDOLENCE BOOK, THE BURIAL PLACE
OF CHOU-EN-LAI, AND PM BURNHAM'S MEETING WITH THE PREMIER IN 1975.
THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPEATED BURNHAM'S COMMENT UPON LEARNING OF THE
DEATH OF CHOU SEVERAL TIMES. HE SAID CHOU-EN-LAI WAS A QUOTE
TIRELESS CHAMPION OF SOCIALISM AND AN INDEFATIGABLE OPPONENT OF
IMPERIALISM, AND HIS DEATH IS A LOSS NOT ONLY TO CHINA, BUT
TO ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF MANKIND UNQUOTE.

3. IN CONTRAST, THE MOSCOW-LINE OPPOSITION PPP'S NEWSPAPER,
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MIRROR, HAS PUBLISHED ONLY ONE ARTICLE ON THE LATE PREMIER'S

DEATH. IT RECEIVED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE WITH A LARGE PHOTOGRAPH OF SOVIET PREMIER ALEKSY KOSYGIN GREETING CHOU-EN-LAI.

4. COMMENT: THE PRACTICE OF OVER-REPORTING A SINGLE EVENT OR ISSUE IS COMMON IN THE CHRONHCLE. SPACE GIVEN TO THE DEATH OF CHOU -EN-LAI IS TEMPORARILY REPLACING THE SUPPORTIVE ARTICLES ON LIFE IN CUBA AND THE MPLA.
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